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## A Great Revival Near 300 Decisions

Two Stacks Of Oats Burn—A Mule's Kick—Martinsburg Woman Cards Wool In The Old Way.

While Theodore Kleinsorge, east of Wellsville, was threshing at the farm of Ed. Kleinsorge sparks from the engine set fire to the stack of oats and in a short time two stacks of oats and a rick of straw were burned.

The big revival meeting which was conducted at Paris for three weeks by Evangelist Thomas closed with 290 decisions and 177 actual conversions. Among the confessions were 88 men, women and children who signified a preference for the Christian Church. The congregation decided to baptize them in the river instead of the baptistry at the church. The baptizing was held Sunday afternoon at the Palmyra Bridge, where in years gone by the pioneers of this church administered the sacred rite, and all the old songs characteristic of the days gone by were sung.

Prof. F. G. Hale, superintendent of the Centralia public schools, has resigned and enlisted in the army. Dr. Wm. DeJarnett, dentist, and Dr. C. W. Ausine, a physician, have also enlisted and will soon go to the war.

A Martinsburg woman, 80 years old, when she had her sheep sheared, carded the wool, spun it in the old-time way with her own hands, and is now knitting it up into socks for the American soldiers.

Cooks and servants are becoming almost obsolete in Macon as a result of the war. Many housewives are doing their own cooking for the first time. Many have rigged up clotheslines and installed tubs for the family washing. Negro women whose husbands are in the army receive monthly allotments from the Government. With the first installment of Government money the cook generally "kisses the kitchen goodbye."

Ad. Peery, near Wellsville, was kicked by a mule and suffered three broken ribs.

Someone asks the Jefferson Democrat-Tribune what has become of the farmer boy by taking summer boarders used to just barely keep the mortgage from being foreclosed. The Democrat-Tribune explains: "Well, several of 'em known to us are now riding in automobiles while the boarders walk and brush off the dust."

The owner of a Shelby county watermelon patch has found a watch therein. The watch is said to be in good condition and is ready to be restored to its owner upon proving property, paying for the newspaper notice, and possibly fully explaining just how and why the watch got into the melon patch.

On last Sunday Steve Brimer of Bowling Green who worked at Booth, just west of that place, was run over by an engine and his body horribly mangled in the sight of many of his fellow employees. Engines were going toward each other and onlookers say that Mr. Brimer seemed to have become dazed and did not respond to their cries to get out of the way, and when the engine backed on him it knocked him down, pushed him several feet and gradually ground him to pieces.

### MANGLED IN A BINDER.

George Stuart, whose death at Clark, S. D., was mentioned in these columns last week, met his death by falling into his selfbinder. Just how the accident happened is not known. According to a Dakota paper neighbor farmers found his team in the field unattended and when they investigated they found him mangled and dead, as stated above. Mr. Stuart was a brother of Mrs. C. B. Schopp of Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Young, of near Rush Hill, went to Illinois last week in their auto for a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

## "Did You Understand"

The Hun Spoiled His Own Game—Spirited Enthusiasm Of Boys 18 To 21 Makes Them The Best Sailors.

Lieut. Commander Shane declares such men train best and fight best under strain in the Navy.

"We've got 'em buffaloed." This slangy phrase used so often on the other side of the Atlantic by the boys of our Navy fighting the U-Boats, aptly tells its own story of "pep" of boys under 21, makes them the best fighters in the Navy.

This was the encouragement given a contingent of 85 Navy recruits in St. Louis last week at the Recruiting Station by Lieut. Commander Shane as they prepared for departure to training stations, nearly everyone of whom was under 21.

Over there in the naval war zone, he said, life aboard the rolling destroyers engaged in their ceaseless hunt for U-Boats means a strain that the older men do not stand so well as the more adventurous youths. It's their eternal "up and at 'em" spirit that keeps them on edge, and not only makes them the best sailors for Uncle Sam, but wins quick promotion for them as well.

More than 5,000 recruits have been accepted at the St. Louis Station since May 1st, and of these 68 per cent were under 21.

Lieut. Commander Shane commanded the Neptune, one of the first ships to go across immediately after we declared war, and he told the boys of an incident on this trip which indicates the deep-rooted activities of German spies in our country at the time, and he admonished the boys to keep eyes open and mouths shut while in the service.

The Neptune received radiogram orders to proceed to the war zone with a cargo extremely valuable to the Allies. The Germans intercepted these orders in some way and stationed a U-Boat in the war zone to wait for the Neptune. While waiting for its wireless orders from the British, the Neptune received a message signed by a British Patrol asking the Neptune's position. Commander Shane would never have revealed his position to anyone, and did not answer the request even though it was repeated four times. Finally, in desperation, the sender asked, "Did you understand?" The Hun operator spoiled his own game with his bad spelling, but later Shane learned that a Spanish merchant ship had been sunk five miles away from his position, by the U-Boat that was trying to get the Neptune.

### MRS. BURNS DEAD.

The Oldest Member Of Mexico Presbyterian Church—Became A Member Near 70 Years Ago.

Mrs. Ida Burns, 79 years old, died at her home in Mexico Thursday, after a protracted illness. She was born in this city. Her husband, W. G. Burns, died 11 years ago.

Mrs. Burns' father, Jackson Thomas, was the founder of the Mexico Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Burns leaves the following relatives to mourn her death:

Two sisters, Mrs. Mary Burns, of Mexico, and Mrs. Susan McGee, of Oklahoma; one daughter, Miss Sadie Burns, of Mexico, and five sons, R. T. Burns, of Mexico; J. J. Burns, of Mexico; S. D. Burns, of Mexico; Yeaman Burns, of Benton City, and Rev. O. L. Burns, of Golden City, Mo.

The funeral was held at the home Saturday morning, conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. A. Wallace. The pallbearers were as follows: Dr. Carl Pasqueth, S. D. Stocks, Elton Dearing, Chas. Leeper, Earl Brown and S. J. Buckner.

Robert Wilson, with McPheeters Brothers, furniture dealers, became very ill last week.

## Soldiers In France Need More Books

The Friends Of Our Soldiers in Mexico And Over The County Are Urged To Make Donations.

The Mexico Public Library has received a request from the American Library Association's headquarters in Washington for more books from this community for the men overseas.

The appeal states that new novels and good Western stories, whether new or old, are most needed. Books by Zane Grey, Rex Beach, Jack London, Ralph Connor, Owen Wister and O. Henry are very popular. The Mexico Library will receive and forward all suitable books that are turned in. It urges the friends of the soldiers and sailors, many of whom have already responded most generously, to give more books.

The communication received says that over 600,000 books have been sent overseas. The supply is nearly exhausted, and several hundred thousand more will be needed soon by the six dispatch offices which are now shipping books to France. The books are packed at these dispatch offices in strong cases, so built that they serve as a bookcase.

They go on the decks of transports, in cargo vessels and in naval vessels. Those that go on the decks of transports are open so that the men may have reading matter for use on the voyage. All these books are gathered together again, however, replaced in the cases and delivered to the proper officials in France.

In France the books are distributed by an experienced librarian. Most of them go to Y. M. C. A., Red Cross and Salvation Army huts, hospitals and canteens. Others go directly to chaplains and officers.

Take your books to the Mexico Library any afternoon in the next four weeks.

## Prohibition Is Crime Solution

Jefferson City, Mo., August 6.—Kelly Pool, a member of the State Prison Board, today told the State Tax Commission that prohibition was the only solution for stopping crimes among young men.

Pool said that during the year ending July 1, St. Louis and 30 "wet" counties had sent a total of 1,003 men to the Penitentiary while 84 "dry" counties had sent only 188 men to the institution.

He said there was an average of only 2.2 per cent of convicts from the "dry" counties, while the average for the "wet" was 32.3.

"I don't want to be placed in the position of making a prohibition speech," said Mr. Pool, "but that is the solution of the whole matter."

Pool made the statement in answer to a question of Chairman Cornelius Roach of the Tax Commission.

There was a total of 25 counties which did not send any prisoners at all to the Penitentiary during the past year, according to the figures submitted by Pool.

### THREE TYPHOID PATIENTS.

Rev. J. M. Hornback, who has been here at the bedside of his brother and sister, who have been ill with typhoid fever, left yesterday for Cummings, Kan. Mrs. Hornback who accompanied him to this place remained for a longer stay. The condition of the three typhoid patients at the Hornback home is much improved.

The above is from the Monroe City News. Mr. Hornback is well known in Mexico. He was the pastor of the Mexico Methodist Circuit two years ago.

### GREEN-BIRD NUPTIALS.

Mr. Oscar Green and Mrs. Mary Bird were united in marriage by Judge W. W. Botts Saturday morning. The bride came here from Perry some time ago. Our best wishes extended the happy couple.

## ACROSS THE ATLANTIC IN AN AEROPLANE.

Lieut. Rodes Jesse, Mexico Soldier Boy, Wants That Experience—Is Here On A Furlough.

It is thought that it is only a matter of time till aeroplanes will be making trips across the Atlantic. Lieutenant Rodes Jesse, who is at his home here on a short furlough, wants to make one of these trips. He recently received his commission in the Aviation Corps and soon he goes to a Southern camp as an instructor in aeronautics.

Mr. Jesse is some flyer already. He has been thru all the stunts. He tells The Message of a cross-country fly he took recently—to Clarksdale, Miss. He was humming along at a nice clip when the motor wheezed and stopped motion. He was forced to land, and came down near Lula, Miss. But in landing he tore one section of his wing and was obliged to send back to camp for a new wing.

After three days delay he was ready to speed off again. Up over Lake Cormorant, Miss., his gasoline gave out and again he was forced to land. This time he glided safely to the ground and was soon on his flight again. The remainder of the trip was uneventful. When he flies across he will be "fixed" against such happenings.

Lieutenant Jesse is a stalwart in strength—army training has proven a very fine thing for him.

### FROM ACROSS THE SEA.

Private Edward Klusman Of Near Mexico Writes His Sister, Miss Dora Klusman, Two Interesting Letters.

Somewhere in England, June 22, 1918.

Dear Folks: I will write you a few lines. I arrived across the foam safe and feeling fine. I enjoyed my trip very much. Well, in fact, the weather has been fine since we left the U. S. A. I never got a bit seasick. And saw all kinds of water. It certainly is a long way over here.

I must close. Hope you all are in the best of health. With love to all. Ed. Klusman, Co. K, 354th Inf., American Expeditionary Forces, via New York.

On Active Service With the British Expeditionary Force, June 25, 1918.

Dear Folks: I will write you a few lines. I have my feet on solid ground now and am feeling fine, and the weather is fine out here, only it seems a bit cooler. Crops are looking good. The best field of potatoes I ever saw in all my life. I haven't seen any corn out here. I saw good fields of beets, and garden plants.

Well, I know nearly all the boys in my Company, and we have a good time. In all my days I never thought of seeing things which I have up to this time. I will close for this time. ED. K.

## ORLANDO WORRELL IS IN THE TRENCHES NOW.

The Fourth of July with the American Expeditionary Forces in France was not what could exactly be termed a gala event. The following extracts from letters written by Lieutenant Orlando Worrell to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Worrell, of Mexico, tell of the quiet Independence Day and other interesting news from the front:

"I received your letter the third day, and spent a good part of yesterday reading it time and time again with the newspapers I got from Father. It sure was a pleasure to hear from you for it had been so long since I received any mail at all.

"We are getting along fine and are still in rest camp. No excitement though, and yesterday was the most quiet of any Fourth of July I ever spent.

"On guard as Commander of the Guard for today, and it is not so bad for a twenty-four hour job.

"While I would hate to do everything over again I have done in the past year and I do things every day I dislike to do, yet I wouldn't trade

places with anyone in the United States. If we live through it we have at least done one thing worth while. Love and best wishes to all, and tell Mr. Riley he had better turn Scotch if he wants to be a proud man after the war."

The following letter was received by R. D. Worrell Monday afternoon from Lieut. Worrell.

Dear Father: "Just received your package of papers telling of the fire. It sure must have been a—blaze and I am sorry for you and all of the other losers.

"That is the only mail I received, and have had for some time. I was away from my company for awhile and got back to it sooner than I expected, so the mail forwarded is still trailing behind.

"We just came out of the trenches and I landed here last night for a rest about twice as long as Mary's birthday is from the first of the month."

"We gave Fritz a little hell and he has a worse coming when we go back. We have just heard of the great success the Italians have been having. It is our time next."

### FROM OVERSEAS.

Corporal James Grafford Writes To His Mother, Mrs. H. H. Grafford, Here.

Somewhere in France, July 2, 1918.

Dear Mother: I will write you a few lines this morning. I am well and feeling fine and dandy.

This sure is a fine morning, and I haven't anything to do but write letters, and think I will put in the morning, ha, ha! I don't have much time to write, but when I get time I don't waste any of it.

I got your letter last Saturday that was mailed May 17th that had Sister's letter in it. I was sure glad to hear from you, and was rather surprised to hear of Sister's being in Chicago. I guess she thinks she is in a fine city, but she ought to see New York. It is a fine place, but Paris has them both beaten. Paris sure is a fine place, in fact, all the country here is pretty, but I don't fancy the mountains. Wish I might describe all that I have seen but as you know it is impossible.

Say, mother, I am going to send my money home when I get paid, and I want you to put it in the bank for me. There is not a thing I can spend my money for. See! So I suppose I will have to save it. This is one place I have to save money without asking.

What is Jess doing? Tell him to write to me, and also tell him if he has any money to spare to send me some cigarettes and smoking and send it to me as we can't get any American tobacco here except what the Government issues us and that is only one sack about every two weeks, and that doesn't last very long. Did Jess have to register?

Well, mother, I suppose I will have to close, as I have written about all I can. Answer soon. Your son.

JIM.

35th Div. 2nd Batt. Haq. Co. 129th U. S. Inf., A. E. F.

### HORSE FELL ON HIM.

The Auxvasse Review mentions that Everett, the 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bredt, who left Auxvasse last spring and moved to a farm near Mexico, was quite badly hurt last week when a horse he was riding stumbled and fell. In some way the horse fell on the young man, rendered him unconscious, broke his arm and dislocated his shoulder. He was taken to Mexico for surgical treatment and at last reports was thought to be doing very well. Their little daughter, Alma Clyde, last week was reported quite sick of malarial fever, but is considerably improved.

## He Sailed Above A Hail Storm

Miss Litter Married Soldier Boy—Miss Haskell To Teach In Moberly—Mr. and Mrs. Stoy Leave Mexico—The "Amanda Hospital."

Mexico, Mo., August 5.—Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Moore went to Dayton, Ohio, about ten days since to visit their son, Shields Moore, who is in the Aviation School there. They found him getting along fine. Last Sunday afternoon, a week ago, Dayton was visited by a heavy wind and hail storm, similar to the storm that passed over Mexico about five weeks ago. Dr. Moore says airplanes were up at all hours of the day. One was caught in this hail storm, a little French machine, but it shot up above the cloud and circled about till the storm had subsided. Sure a new way to dodge a storm.

Dr. P. E. Cull has named his new hotel "The Amanda" for his mother, Mrs. Barbara Amanda Cull. The hospital is good to be opened for the care of patients.

Miss Ora Liger of Vandalia and Mr. Benjamin F. Kealen, also of Vandalia, came to Mexico last week and were joined in wedlock by Judge W. W. Botts. Mr. Kealen has been called to the colors and will leave his wife with her parents in Vandalia until the end of the war.

Miss Edna Brown returned last week from summer school at Kirksville. She served two terms in Eureka district last winter. She is one of the county's very best instructors.

Miss Edna Armstrong is now with the Worrell Jewelry Co. She is a very popular and talented young woman.

Prof. and Mrs. Edgar Lee and two small children of Columbia are the guests of Mexico relatives and friends.

Miss Catherine Haskell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Haskell of Mexico, who taught in Tennessee last year, will have a position in the Moberly schools thru the coming school year. She's another girl whom we would love to see connected with our home schools if she would so choose.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stoy left this week for Chillicothe where Mr. Stoy will be principal of the High School. Mexico will miss these two good people.

Miss Zella Brown is home from her work in summer school at the Kirksville Normal. She will have charge of the Lawder School, east of Mexico.

Pearl Vanhorn took a trip thru Oklahoma last week on business. He says there was so much sand in the air that he came near losing one of his eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Britt and two children, Esther and Willard, of near Rush Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Doebelin, the parents of Mrs. Britt, left last week by auto for a two weeks' visit at Peachoutas, and other points, in Illinois.

### MRS. ASBURY DEAD.

Mrs. Gertrude Asbury, a former resident of Mexico, died at her home in Fulton Friday. The burial was at Clarence, Mo.

### MEXICO SAVINGS BANK

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Capital Stock, \$100,000  
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